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REMARKS

The Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's review of the specification, claims, and drawings, and indication of allowable subject matter.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 22-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-21 have been cancelled herein without prejudice to pursue these claims and additional claims in a continuation application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,555,547 to Parker et al. Applicant respectfully traverses. Specifically, Applicant respectfully urges that the Examiner can not ignore the recitation of "shelf assembly". Applicant has not called for a panel for forming a shelf assembly and instead, have called for a shelf assembly. Therefore, these words cannot be ignored when reviewing the patentability of the claim. Notwithstanding, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-21 in order to expedite allowance of the present application and reserves the right to pursue Claims 1-21 and other similar claims in a continuation application. An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

Applicant respectfully submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement form identifying U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0264160, which has just come to Applicant's attention. Although Applicant believes this application is not a reference because it was filed nine months after Applicant's provisional application, which fully

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supports the claims of the present application, Applicant has enclosed a copy of the provisional application for the Examiner's review to establish that all of the claims of the present application, including the cancelled claims, are entitled to the filing date of September 30, 2002, of the provisional application. However, Applicant believes that Applicant's own application is prior art against application Serial No. 10/602,863.


Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (616) 975-5506.

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